(i) Kohima

(ii) Phek

(iii) Tuensang

(iv) Wokha

Affairs of KVS

652. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding corruption and irregular transfers, overspending and illegal expenditure in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have initiated a probe into these allegations;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the remedial measures taken;

(e) whether Government have prepared a transfer policy to be followed in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Government has received complaints alleging Financial irregularities, misappropriation of Government Funds, Administrative lapses in KVS including harassment due to wrong previous transfer policy leading to avoidable expenditure.

(c) to (f) Joint Secretary in the Department of Secondary & Higher Education has been asked to inquire into the various allegations contained in the Memoranda submitted by the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association which *inter alia* contains alleges of the harassment through transfer policy. The inquiry is expected to be completed by the end of August 2004. In the meanwhile, on the directions of Government, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has modified the transfer guidelines, the salient features of which are as hereunder:—

(i) The concept of 'displacement transfers' been done away with. No teacher will be transferred out to 'accommodate' any other teacher.

(ii) In general, teachers/staff members of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan will not be transferred by organization except on administrative grounds.

(iii) Teachers will be transferred only on their own request, against the vacancies of their own choice.

(iv) The concept of surplus teachers has been changed from the existing criteria of declaring the teachers with longest stay as surplus to the teachers with least number of years' served in a particular Vidyalaya.

(v) In order to ensure that there is minimum disruption of teachers from Kendriya Vidyalayas, it has been decided that even in case promotion of teachers, the teachers can continue to work in the same Vidyalaya provided there is a vacancy. In case there is no vacancy, he/she can exercise his/her request for the nearest available vacancy.

(vi) Even in the case of Vice Principals and Principals, while they would not be allowed to continue in the same Vidyalaya when promoted from junior post, they can be posted within the same region and subject to availability of vacancy in the nearest Vidyalaya as well.

(vii) Extra weightage has been given in the cases of teachers whose spouse is working in Central Government/Central PSU and they will not be transferred unless their spouse is also transferred out.

Environment as compulsory subject

653. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had directed all the States and educational agencies to introduce environment as a compulsory subject in schools upto the higher secondary level from the academic year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and